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DEATH OF ANIMALS IN ORISSA DUE TO CYCLONE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether over two lakh animals are feared to have died in the Orissa Cyclone and animal carcasses piled up ;

(b) whether the traumatized animals refused food in Bhubaneshwar Zoo; and

(c) if so, the measures taken to provide relief to animals in future ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a): According to the information furnished by Government of Orissa, 6,21,377 animals died during the super cyclone that occurred on 29.10.99 and carcasses were disposed off immediately after the cyclone.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): The relief measures proposed for future by the State Government of Orissa are as follow:

(i) The Veterinary Institutions have been supplied with life saving drugs and medicines for treatment of ailing animals.

(ii) Fodder Farms of the State have been instructed to maintain a reserve quantity of fodder for utilisation in case of natural calamity.

(iii) Preventive vaccination against common contagious diseases are being taken up regularly to combat spreading of disease.

(iv) Action is being taken to provide rescue shelters at vulnerable points of different districts.

(v) It is also proposed to maintain fodder Banks at district headquarters to provide fodder to animals in distress.